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5 THINGS TO KNOW

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I've been dying from this summer's heat, so clearly I've enjoyed the temperatures that dipped into the low 70s the past few days. And though I was hoping they were ushering in an early fall — they aren't, as I learned after speaking to the National Weather Service. Blerg. But you can turn to page 6 or visit **metro.us** to see what NWS experts have in the forecast for the New York metro region in the coming weeks.

RUSSIA: WOMAN FACES 'BORDERLINE TORTURE'

1 Russia accused the United States of trying to break the spirit in jail of Maria Butina, a woman U.S. authorities say is a Russian government agent, and complained she was being subjected to "borderline torture." Butina, a 29-year-old gun rights advocate living in Washington, D.C., was arrested in July and has been accused of acting as a Russian government agent while developing ties with American citizens and infiltrating political groups. Butina, who pleaded not guilty, was detained without bail pending trial after prosecutors presented evidence suggesting she had connections to Russian intelligence operatives and was being funded by Russian oligarchs. Her case, which Russian authorities allege is fabricated and politically-motivated, has become the latest in a series of irritants between Washington and Moscow. Russia's U.S. embassy said in a statement on Sunday that Butina had been transferred from a prison in Washington to one in Virginia on Friday without notice or explanation and that her personal belongings had also been confiscated.

GA VOTING SITE CLOSINGS 'BLATANT SUPPRESSION'

2 A plan to close most polling places in a predominantly black Georgia county ahead of November's elections is drawing opposition from the state's gubernatorial candidates and voting rights activists, who deem it blatant voter suppression. The two-member local elections board is expected to vote on Friday on a proposal to shutter seven of nine polling sites in rural Randolph County, located in southwest Georgia, where roughly 60 percent of the 7,800 residents are black. The board members have said the voting sites violate federal disabilities law because they are not wheelchair accessible. Both Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee who is seeking to become the first female African-American governor in U.S. history, and Republican candidate Brian Kemp, who is white and serves as Georgia's secretary of state, urged county officials to drop the plan. "Although state law gives localities broad authority in setting precinct boundaries and polling locations, we strongly urged local officials to abandon this effort and focus on preparing for a secure, accessible, and fair election for voters this November," Kemp said in a statement.

2018 MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY

3 Cardi B hits the red carpet at Monday's 2018 MTV Video Music Awards at New York City's Radio City Music Hall.

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NO VERDICT FOR THIRD DAY IN MANAFORT TRIAL

4 The jury in the trial of Paul Manafort left for a third day without a verdict on Monday about whether to convict the former Trump campaign chairman for financial crimes. The case is the first to go to trial stemming from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 U.S. election, although the charges largely predate Manafort's five months working on Donald Trump's successful campaign. Manafort, a veteran Republican operative, faces 18 criminal charges related to bank and tax fraud and failure to disclose overseas bank accounts. A Manafort conviction would undermine efforts by Trump and some Republican lawmakers to paint Mueller's Russia inquiry as a political witch hunt. In a break with convention, Trump weighed in on the trial on Friday, calling the case against Manafort at the federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, "very sad" and lauding his former associate as a "very good person." On Monday, Trump accused Mueller's team of "enjoying ruining people's lives" and trying to influence the midterm elections in November when Republicans will try to hold on to control of Congress.

BRAZIL TO COURT: HALT VENEZUELAN MIGRATION

5 The government of the northern Brazilian state of Roraima on Monday asked the country's supreme court to halt the entry of Venezuelan immigrants, increasing pressure on the federal government to resolve a growing regional crisis. Roraima's request followed a weekend of violence in the state, where tens of thousands of Venezuelans have arrived in recent years, fleeing economic and political turmoil in their country. "As a result of the grave conflicts over the weekend, the state of Roraima submitted a fastrack request ... seeking the temporary suspension of Venezuelan immigration through the border," the state government said in a statement. The supreme court rejected a previous request by Roraima, as the Brazilian constitution mandates an open border. The court is unlikely to agree to the new request. Still, local tensions have been mounting in the growing Latin American crisis, with countries across the region taking a tougher line against fleeing Venezuelans. For instance, Venezuelans entering Ecuador and Peru will soon be required to show hard-to-get passports, rather than the more ubiquitous national identity cards.

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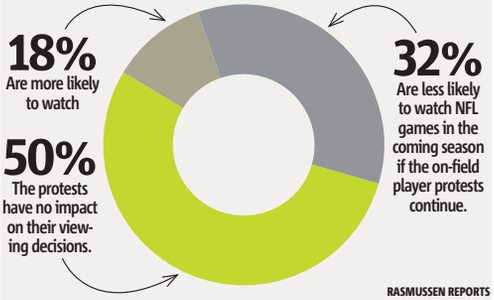
FOOTBALL PROTESTS

If the on-field player protests continue, are you more likely or less likely to watch NFL games in the coming season? Or are the protests likely to have no impact on your viewing decisions?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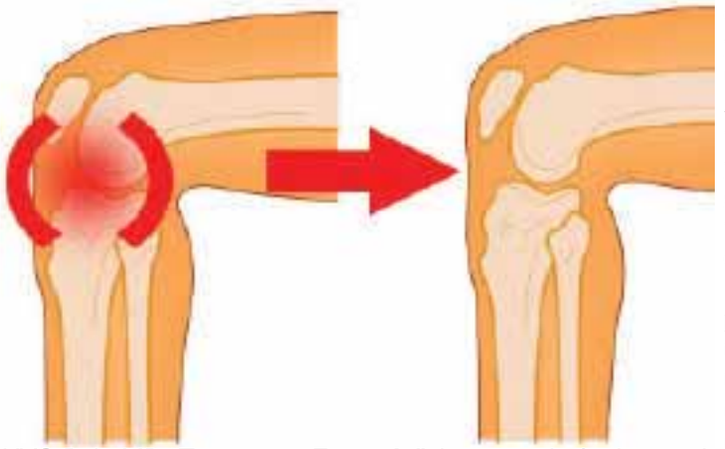

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Trump worries that Mueller interview could be a 'perjury trap'

President Donald Trump said on Monday he was worried that any statements under oath he provides to Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be used to bring perjury charges against him as part of the probe into Russia's electoral interference.

In an interview with Reuters, Trump echoed the concerns of his top lawyer in the probe, Rudy Giuliani, who has warned that any sit-down with Mueller could be a "perjury trap."

The president expressed fears that investigators could compare his statements with that of others who have testified in the probe, such as former FBI Director James Comey, and that any discrepancies could be used against him.

"So if I say something and he [Comey] says something, and it's my word against his, and he's best friends with Mueller, so Mueller might say: 'Well, I believe Comey,' and even if I'm telling the truth, that makes me a liar. That's no good."

Despite his concerns, Trump did not comment on whether he would ultimately agree to an interview with Mueller, who is, among other things, investigating whether Trump's campaign team colluded with Russians during the 2016 election and whether Trump has obstructed justice in the probe.

Trump also declined to say whether he might strip Mueller of his security clearance, as he did last week to former CIA Director John Brennan, who had repeatedly criticized Trump's handling of foreign policy and national security issues.

"I haven't given it a lot of thought," he said.

Russia has denied interfering in the 2016 U.S. election and Trump has denied any collusion took place.

"I'm totally allowed to be involved if I wanted to be."
President Trump

President Trump GETTY IMAGES

As he has done almost daily on Twitter, Trump railed against the probe in the Oval Office interview with Reuters, repeatedly calling it a disgrace and arguing that Mueller and other members of his team were biased.

Trump asserted that he retained the power to intervene in the probe, but that he had chosen not to do so for the moment.

His administration, Trump said, was "a smooth-running machine, except in that world. And I've decided to stay out. Now I don't have to stay out.

"I can go in, and I could do whatever — I could run it if I want. But I decided to stay out," he said. "I'm totally allowed to be involved if I wanted to be. So far, I haven't chosen to be involved. I'll stay out."

In the interview, Trump blamed the investigation for hampering his efforts to strengthen the country's relationship with Russia and for sowing discord among the American public.

He again neglected to blame Russia for interfering in the 2016 election, a conclusion reached by the U.S. intelligence community.

The probe, he said, "played right into the Russians — if it was Russia — they played right into the Russians' hands." REUTERS

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There's still a way to go before fall temperatures are here to stay, according to the NWS three-month outlook. GETTY IMAGES

With hurricane season here, NYC weather will be as usual: unpredictable

Were the past few days of cooler temps a blip or is summer finally winding down? The city's weather experts give their forecasts.

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76° 2018 — This is the average mean temperature as of Aug 19

77.8° 2010 — Average mean temperature

After what's been a hot, seemingly never-ending summer, the gods of NYC weather have given us a reprieve with some cooler temperatures the past few days. But is this break in the heat just a blip or a sign that summer is starting to wind down?

"According to the Climate Prediction Center's outlook, there is a 70 to 80 percent chance of above-normal temperatures over the next six to 10 days," Carlie Buccola, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, told Metro Monday.

That's NYC weather we're at least familiar with, as we had several heat waves and advisories throughout the summer months. For that, we can thank a "nearly stationary" frontal system that combined with a high-pressure system over the Atlantic that "aided in ushering warm and humid air into the region," Buccola said.

While it's seemed this summer has been hotter than normal, it's actually been pretty average.

"So far, Central Park has had an average temperature of 76 degrees. This is the average mean temperature, which includes highs and lows," Buccola said. "Despite it feeling like it has been warmer than recent years, it is not a record-breaker as of Aug. 19."

The warmest summer was in 2010, she added, when the mean average temperature was 77.8 degrees. Thus far, on NWS' list of warmest summers that dates back to 1869, this year ranks No. 21.

The above-normal temperatures we can expect in the coming days is NYC weather that's on-deck through at least November, according to the NWS Climate Prediction Center's latest three-month outlook, released Aug. 16.

And while "dry conditions on the ground during the summer can contribute to more variability in fall temperatures," there are "very little linkages to wintertime temperatures," CPC Meteorologist Matthew Rosencrans said.

As we're currently in peak hurricane season — and the one-year anniversary of hurricanes Harvey and Maria and the six-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy are nigh — are similar big storms expected on the East Coast this year?

Perhaps not, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said earlier this month due to conditions in the Atlantic — but there is a caveat.

"No outlook can answer the question, 'Am I going to get hit this year?'" Dennis Feltgen of the National Hurricane Center explained. "The outlooks do not forecast which storms will make landfall and where or what impacts would occur. That type of reliable, long-range science does not exist, and it's why the outlooks can never be used as a guide for hurricane preparation."

Since "hurricanes can impact any area in any year," he urges anyone traveling into hurricane-prone areas of the Atlantic basin to "always have travelers insurance and always check in advance with the hotel or resort at which they are staying to learn its hurricane plan."

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Asia Argento allegedly paid Jimmy Bennett $380,000 over intent to sue shortly after she came forward about Harvey Weinstein.

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Asia Argento was one of the first women to speak up about sexual assault claims against Harvey Weinstein, becoming a leading face of the #MeToo movement.

But now The New York Times reported on Sunday that, in the months after the Weinstein story broke, the actress and advocate arranged to pay child star Jimmy Bennett $380,000 over alleged sexual assault claims linked to an encounter in 2013.

According to documents obtained by the Times, Bennett, now 22, was 7 when he played Argento's son in the 2004 film "The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things." The documents say that the two maintained a mother-son relationship of sorts as he grew up. In 2013, they reunited in a California hotel where Argento was staying.

Argento, 37 at the time, allegedly gave him alcohol and showed him notes she'd written to him on hotel stationery. As the Times describes, based on the documents they received through an encrypted email: "Then she kissed him, pushed him back on the bed, removed his pants and performed oral sex. She climbed on top of him and the two had intercourse, the document says. She then asked him to take a number of photos."

Bennett had just turned 17. The age of consent in California is 18.

The hotel incident reportedly affected Bennett's mental health and ability to work — he subsequently lost income — claims a November notice of intent to sue that his lawyer, Gordon Sattro, sent Richard Hofstetter. Hofstetter was the attorney of the late Anthony Bourdain (Argento's boyfriend), who was reportedly representing Argento at the time. This came a month after the Weinstein story broke.

Sattro wrote in the notice that Bennett's "feelings about that day were brought to the forefront recently when Ms. Argento took the spotlight as one of the many victims of Harvey Weinstein."

The agreement made between Argento and Bennett doesn't prevent them from discussing the alleged sexual assault, a cording to the Times. Argento's lawyer, Carrie Goldberg, explained in a letter addressed to the actress that Bennett legally can't sue her for his claims and can't post the photos taken during their hotel meet-up either.

Argento, now 42, has yet to release a comment. And what do we know about Bennett?

Bennett was born in Seal Beach, California, and reportedly grew up just south of there in Huntington Beach.

Bennett's family opened up a crepe joint in the area "set in an immersive Rock-N-Roll ambiance," Rockin' Crepes. He began acting at age 6, when he was featured in a commercial for a Dodge Caravan.

As his IMDb page states, he booked roles in a long list of movies growing up, such as "Daddy Day Care," "The Amityville Horror," Evan Almighty" and "Orphan." He also played the young James T. Kirk in the 2009 "Star Trek" film and even appeared in an episode of "Gilmore Girls."

> **"She climbed on top of him and the two had intercourse."**
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> **Bennett's allegations, per New York Times**

Bennett said in a 2010 interview: "It was just something I was always curious about. I had seen so many movies and it came up in a discussion between me and my mom. We went to an agency and they sent us out to a couple of things and I started getting work."

"Hopefully, I can follow in Leonardo DiCaprio's shoes," Bennett said, naming DiCaprio as one of his "favorite actors of all time."

Bennett is also a singer. His song, "Summer Never Ends," is featured on the soundtrack of the 2009 comedy "Shorts." he released his debut single, "Over Again," in 2011.

Through his lawyer, Bennett declined to comment on the alleged claims of sexual assault against Argento, stating that, in the coming days, he will continue to focus on his music.

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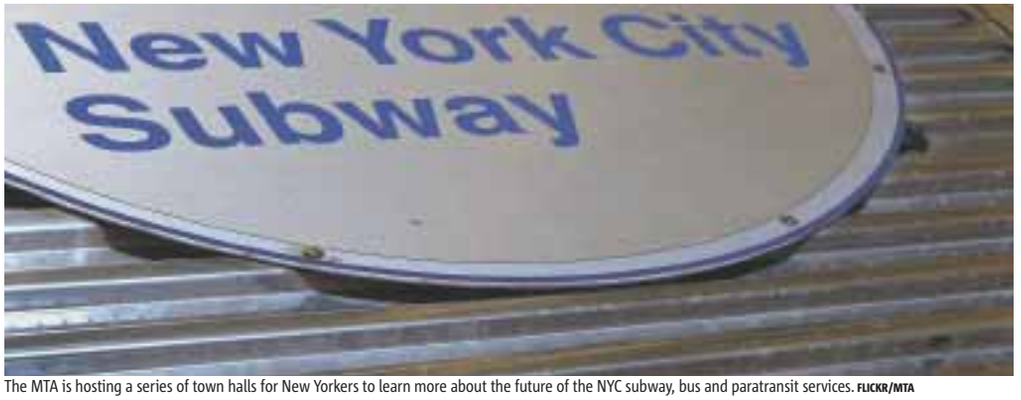

The MTA is hosting a series of town halls for New Yorkers to learn more about the future of the NYC subway, bus and paratransit services. FLICKR/MTA

MTA to answer your NYC subway, bus and paratransit questions at town halls

The MTA will answer your questions about NYC subway, but and paratransit services in all five boroughs starting this week in Queens.

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Have questions about the MTA's "Fast Forward" plan to modernize the NYC subway, buses and paratransit services or the future of the transit in the city? The agency is ready to answer them and offer more details on the initiative at forthcoming town halls across the five boroughs.

The first public meeting will take place Tuesday in the Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center at York College in Jamaica, Queens. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Speakers must register and will be called in the order in which they sign up, the MTA said.

Additional meetings for the other boroughs will be announced soon.

The Fast Forward plan was unveiled by NYC Transit President Andy Byford in May and aims to modernize NYC subway service and stations, local, express and SBS bus routes and paratransit options. Additionally, the agency vowed to better accessibility across all of its transit service and improve its organizational structure, corporate culture and public-facing customer service.

Fast Forward's five-year goals include installing new NYC subway signal and track infrastructure, fast-tracking accessibility improvements across the subway system so straphangers will be no more than two stops from an accessible station, repairing more than 150 stations, adding thousands of modern subway cars and buses and a complete overhaul of the bus network.

"The Fast Forward Plan is a massive undertaking that requires buy-in from all stakeholders — our customers, our colleagues, advocates, the business community and elected officials at every level of government," Byford said in a statement. "The future success of New York City depends upon the success of this comprehensive plan to modernize our transit system, and we'll be out there in every borough making the case."

"The future success of New York City depends upon the success of this comprehensive plan."
Andy Byford,
NYC Transit President

To that end, Byford urges New Yorkers to attend the town halls and ask questions. Those who cannot attend can submit their questions and feedback via new.mta.info.

New York City officials joined Citi Bike representatives to ride the new pedal-assist Citi Bikes over the Brooklyn Bridge on Monday. NYC DOT / FLICKR

Pedal-assist Citi Bikes debut as transit option during L train shutdown

If you're still figuring out how you'll get around during the L train shutdown, the city has a suggestion: pedal-assist Citi Bikes.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Monday that Citi Bike is introducing 200 pedal assist bicycles as another transportation option for those who will be stranded without the L train.

The Monday announcement marks just the start of the initiative. By next year, Citi Bike will have 1,000 pedal-assist bicycles available. The Citi Bike fleet includes a total of 12,000 bikes across New York City.

To celebrate this first launch, officials from the de Blasio administration, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Citi Bike representatives on Monday rode the pedal-assist bikes over the Brooklyn Bridge.

"Today's pedal-assist bike ride signifies a new era of cycling for New Yorkers who love Citi Bike," said DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg in a statement. "Cycling is not only fun, it's an affordable, healthy and sustainable way of getting around – and on pedal-assist bikes, it is even faster and easier. Citi Bike members who find these new bikes will quickly see why these bikes will prove so important in next year's L train tunnel disruption, as we work to move even more New Yorkers over the East River on two wheels."

The mayor first announced the addition of pedal-assist Citi Bikes back in June as a way to ease commuter woes during the L train shutdown.

Officials say pedal-assist bikes may be a more feasible and approachable transportation option to New Yorkers who aren't completely excited about biking around the city. The pedal-assist Citi Bikes provide an "electric boost" that takes some of the strain away when biking up hills or over long distances.

As part of this effort, the NYC Department of Transportation will expand Citi Bike valet services and launch a temporary L train pedal-assist Citi Bike "shuttle" over the Williamsburg Bridge during the L train shutdown. That shuttle would include four pedal-assist Citi Bike docking stations: two in Williamsburg and two in lower Manhattan, exclusively for the pedal-assist bikes.

For those New Yorkers who don't want to bike during the L train shutdown, pedal-assist option or not, there's the M14 Select Bus Service option, which the city will launch on 14th Street in January 2019, ahead of the April 2019 L train shutdown. KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

BRIEF

Paul Allen's space firm details plans for rockets, cargo vehicle

The space company of billionaire Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen on Monday unveiled details of medium-lift rockets and a reusable space cargo plane it is developing, injecting more competition into the lucrative launch services market.

With its rockets, Allen's Stratolaunch Systems Corp. is trying to cash in on higher demand in the coming years for vessels that can put satellites into orbit. But his vehicles will have to compete domestically with other space entrepreneurs and industry stalwarts such as Elon Musk's SpaceX and United Launch Alliance — a partnership between Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

Seattle-based Stratolaunch, founded by Allen in 2011, said in a news release its launch vehicles will make satellite deployment "as easy as booking an airline flight," though the first rocket launch is not slated until 2020 at the earliest and the massive airplane it is building to deploy the rockets is still in pre-flight testing.

Rather than blasting off from a launch pad, Stratolaunch's rockets will drop at high altitude from underneath the company's six-engine, twin-fuselage airplane — the largest ever built by wingspan.

That launch method is similar to the one being developed by billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic.

Stratolaunch's plane is designed to carry a rocket and payload with a combined weight of up to 550,000 pounds, on par with what a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket can launch from the ground.

Around 800 small satellites are expected to launch annually beginning around 2020, more than double the annual average over the past decade, according to Teal Group space analyst Marco Caceres. Stratolaunch acknowledged it was designing a reusable space plane to carry cargo to and from Earth and a follow-on variant could carry people. REUTERS

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Subway goats found wandering along Brooklyn N tracks

New Yorkers have seen a lot on the NYC public transportation system, but now there's something particularly adorable to add to the list — MTA goats.

Two urban goats were spotted trespassing along the N line in Brooklyn. The MTA shared a photo of the black and white goats on Twitter, which showed the pair chilling out on the outdoor tracks.

Goats on the subway? NYC MTA calls animal trespassers "baaaaad boys." MTA

"A new one for us (we think): Two goats are roaming along the N line tracks in Brooklyn. They're safe and not currently affecting service, but they are on the run. We'll keep you posted," @NYCTSubway tweeted along with the photos.

Fortunately, the MTA goats were safely retrieved from the tracks around noon, though it's not clear where they came from or where they were taken. The New York Times reported that comedian Jon Stewart and his wife picked up the goats and transported them to the animal shelter, Farm Sanctuary, in Watkins Glen.

Throughout the day, concerned and amused New Yorkers weighed in on the transit oddity.

"Are they okay? Do they need me to adopt them? And why does everything always happen on my lines?" asked @JessieLosch on Twitter?

"This is one delay I'm totally okay with," tweeted @MelissaNYoung, while @annie_dinerman quipped, "They're just trying to deliver Brooklyn artisanal goat cheese to Whole Foods."

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South Carolina woman walking dog killed by alligator

A 45-year-old woman walking her dog in South Carolina died on Monday after being snatched and dragged underwater by an 8-foot alligator, the county sheriff's office said.

A witness called police to report an alligator was attacking a woman at a lagoon on Hilton Head Island, a popular tourist destination, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Police recovered her body and identified the victim as Cassandra Cline of Hilton Head Island.

The alligator believed to be responsible for the attack was captured and killed, said Robert McCullough, a captain for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

The dog was not harmed, the authorities said.

Alligators typically roll their victim beneath the water's surface until their prey stops breathing, before stashing the body to eat later.

Alligator attacks are uncommon in the United States, where the majority of animal-related deaths are caused by farm animals, hornets, wasps, bees and dogs, according to a study published in March.

In June, a nearly 13-foot alligator in Florida killed a woman in an attack, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

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How to *stretch* your spending money in college

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"Why am I running out of money?" That's the question students ask most when they visit the student money management center at University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia.

"When I ask them about a spending plan or a budget, they'll typically say, 'Yeah, I know what I spend my money on,'" says the center's coordinator, Jean Cyprien. "But when I show them a spreadsheet with different categories for spending, they'll say, 'Wow, I didn't realize I was spending that on eating out' or 'I forgot about that music app that I'm paying for.'"

You may have income from a part-time job, or you may start the semester with a lump sum. No matter your source, you have to make your spending money last all semester.

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Set expectations with your parents

Before school starts, have a conversation with your parents about who's paying for what. For example, your parents may agree to cover tuition and supplies, but you'll have to pay for living expenses.

Separate needs and wants

Paying for your wants shouldn't come at the expense of your needs. To prioritize spending, start with a list of expenses you are certain of during the semester, such as a trip home at Thanksgiving or filling your car with gas every two weeks.

Subtract those expenses from the amount of money you have for the semester. What's left is your discretionary spending money.

Now divide that remaining amount by the number of weeks you need to cover. For example, if you have $800 available over a 15-week semester, that's a little over $50 a week you could spend.

Use leftover financial aid wisely

If you borrow student loans to pay for college, there may be remaining funds you can use for personal expenses after covering tuition and fees, as well as room and board.

But avoid spending loan money on nonessentials, like streaming services, vacations or delivered food. Paying for those expenses with financial aid can be costly, since you'll have to pay back the money you borrow, with interest.

Tracking your money can help you make smarter spending choices.

"You've got to take responsibility to say, 'I can't go out and spend money to go to the bar or pizza place, because I'm not going to have enough money for the books that I need,'" says Katie Ross, education and development manager for American Consumer Credit Counseling, a nonprofit credit counseling organization.

What to do if you slip up

Overspending is probably going to happen. You might budget $50 a week, but one weekend you end up spending double or triple that amount.

You don't necessarily need to work more hours at a part-time job or send an SOS to your parents to get back on track. Instead, adjust your budget.

Plan to skip a few weeks of spending to stick with your current budget. If you spent three weeks of your allotment in one weekend, for example, then curtail spending for two weeks. Start over. Add up all of the money you have left for the semester and divide by the number of weeks left. ANNA HELHOSKI

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How working mothers can balance back-to-school time

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Finding the balance between work life and being there for your children can be difficult for most working mothers. Staying on top of what your children will need for back to school shopping and making your presence known in their school can be almost impossible when you are also trying to advance your career. Holly Caplan, a mom, workplace issues expert, career coach and author of "Surviving the D-ck Clique: A Girl's Guide to Surviving the Male Dominated Corporate World," has some great tips for working moms to juggle their careers while sending their kind back to school.

You can't do it all, and that's OK!

There is a lot of stress on working mothers to keep the family unit working like a well-oiled machine. But, is that really realistic?

"Forty-seven percent of the workforce is females and 70% of that is working mothers," explains Caplan. "This is not uncommon now for moms to go back to work and to handle back to school with it. Don't beat yourself up. I think as women we try to do everything. And I think the message here is to give yourself some grace with staying on time and being organized."

She suggest that by relying on online shopping for school supplies — and even pre-assembled meals like Blue Apron for dinner throughout the week— mothers can get back some valuable time to focus on maintaining their balance between work and family.

Don't sweat the small stuff

As a full-time employee and a full-time mom, there will be some things that will slip between the cracks. You might not be able to make it to that Meet the Teacher event because of an important work obligation, and that's perfectly normal. Cut yourself some slack and take on what you can handle.

"Keep it simple and don't sweat the small stuff because you will have time to fix whatever it is," says Kaplan. "I have laundry sitting on my bed. It's clean but it's on my bed. It will get folded but I have to get my daughter back to school! I've got to prioritize what comes first and know that the other stuff will come together eventually. It will happen."

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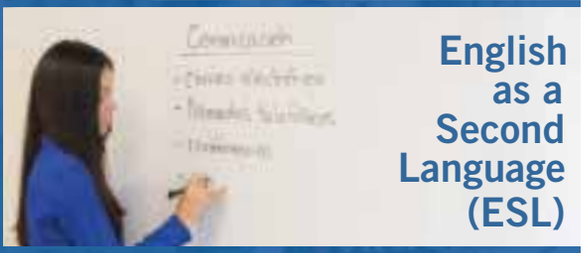

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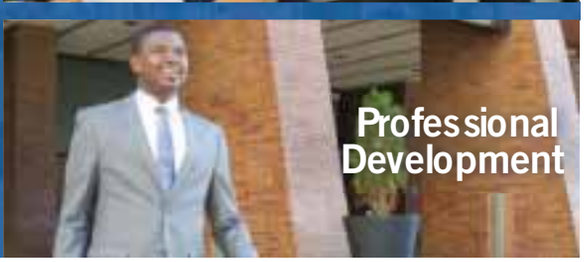

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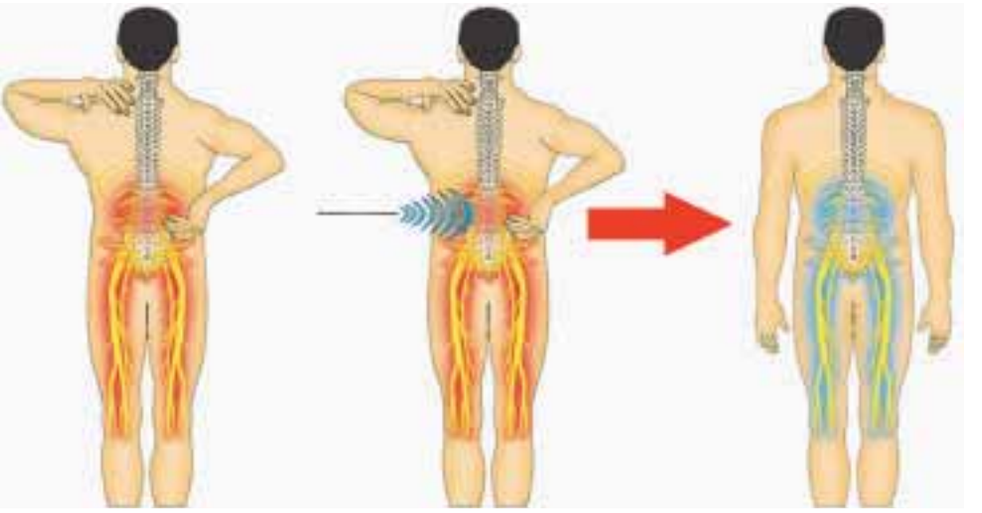

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The tennis fun starts early

It's always an exciting two weeks when the U.S. Open returns to Queens at the end of each August, but the action starts today with U.S. Open Fan Week.

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Young fans at the 22nd Annual Arthur Ashe Kid's Day event GETTY IMAGES

The tournament before the tournament

Before they can take the main stage, players must first pass the U.S. Open Qualifying Tournament — and the action is all free to watch. From Aug. 21-24, the National Tennis Center will host matches between all 128 men and 128 women in the singles competition. Practice sessions will also be going on at various courts from Aug. 21-26. *usopen.org*

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See pros and try your own tennis moves at the Brookfield Place Tennis Open. RYAN MUIR

Women's stars face off

The ladies of the U.S. Open get their own night as former champions Lindsay Davenport and Martina Navratilova pair up for a doubles match on Friday, Aug. 24 at the Tennis Center's Grandstand in Queens. Then on Sunday, Aug. 26, four U.S. Open champions — Davenport, Navratilova, Tracy Austin and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario — will take the court.

Go behind the scenes

For the first time, fans can attend the U.S. Open Media Day where some of the biggest names in tennis past and present answer questions from journalists covering the tournament. If you've ever been curious about the hectic process of a press conference, this will be a real treat. *Friday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Louis Armstrong Stadium*

Kids get the coolest event

The annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day is always a must-do festival of sports, music and fun.
The kid-friendly tennis program Net Generation offers three hours of clinics to start the day, then it's on to the ticketed show featuring tons of pop music acts like Echosmith, AJ Mitchell and CNCO plus more tennis excitement.
Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., concert 1-3 p.m., National Tennis Center

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Ralph Lauren is the U.S. Open's supplier of tournament style, but you can shop their collegiate-themed apparel in select stores and online. Serena Williams and fashion icon Virgil Abloh just launched their collaboration on a new line of **Nike** clothes and shoes. And New York-based indie candle company **Otherland**'s summer scent collection includes Matchpoint, a mix of fresh-cut grass, cucumber and that eau de new can of tennis balls.

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Next big thing: Netflix's 'The Innocents' is a binge-worthy slow burn

The streaming service's latest teen drama delves into the supernatural with a steady pace.

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"The Innocents" debuts Aug. 24 on Netflix. NETFLIX

At first glance, first-time showrunners Hania Elkington and Simon Duric's "The Innocents" looks and feels like yet another supernatural drama about teenagers meant for a teenage audience. In many ways, this is true, but by the time the first of its eight episodes comes to a close, viewers of all ages will quickly realize it's so much more.

Teen lovers June (Sorcha Groundsell) and Harry (Percelle Ascott) run away, the former from her mysteriously repressive father, the latter from a life of daily duties that prevent any semblance of a social life. Before they manage to get very far, a chance encounter with two strangers bent on abducting June triggers something in her, something she never realized she possessed: the ability to transform into anyone she touches.

When the trailer for the series dropped in April, most people were probably caught unawares. Aside from a rather grizzled-looking Guy Pearce's narration and appearance, the story of a British teenager's newfound shapeshifting abilities felt like a complete surprise. Yet considering the pop cultural zeitgeist's fascination with the supernatural and science fiction-oriented stories afforded by superhero movies and comic book adaptations, it makes complete sense.

As Freeform and Hulu's recent success with "Cloak & Dagger" and "Runaways," both Marvel properties, proves, studios and distributors are eager to adapt what's happening in genre, specifically for teenage viewers. Netflix, which has already put out similar shows like "The Rain" and "Kiss Me First," is primed for such a venture. After all, analysts have predicted that the streaming giant will spend a whopping $13 billion on original content this year. So far, so good.

With "The Innocents," however, it seems Netflix has stumbled on something that, unlike its comparative predecessors, actually works. Yes, it's yet another original streaming series that operates more like one long film than a traditional TV show. And yes, it's a slow burn. Yet unlike most streaming shows whose stories and characters are crushed under their own narrative weight, "The Innocents" doesn't suffocate its audience in story.

Streamers itching for something new to watch, especially something original and not derived from known or existing properties, will want to check out "The Innocents" when its first season drops Friday. Between Groundsell and Ascott's performances, Pearce's work as the mildly antagonistic scientist Halvorson and the writers' adept use of genre, it definitely won't bore viewers to tears. And once they get to the end, it may very well leave them wanting more.

Rami Malek on getting 'dirty' for 'Papillon' remake

The "Mr. Robot" star and director Michael Noer open up about their new film.

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"Mr. Robot" star Rami Malek and Charlie Hunnam team up for "Papillon." BLEECKER STREET

"Papillon," the 1973 adaptation of Henri Charriere's best-selling autobiography of his 14-year incarceration and stunning escape from a French penal colony of French Guiana, is rightfully regarded as a movie masterpiece. It was scored, written and directed by the Oscar-winning talents of Jerry Goldsmith, Dalton Trumbo and Franklin J. Schaffner, respectively, and starred the titanic acting talents of Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman.

Director Michael Noer and stars Charlie Hunnam and Rami Malek knew they would have to dig deep to make a distinctive and original version of the film. We recently spoke with Noer and Malek, who plays the Louis Dega to Hunnam's Charriere, and they broke-down why they decided to remake "Papillon," with Malek admitting that he was originally dubious about taking the role.

"The first thing, obviously, is the memory of the film, and my memory of reading the book is one of sentiment. There is obvious hesitation to making a film with that," says Malek. "Could anyone do it justice? The original film lives in our memory as an iconic piece of cinema history. So it is a very difficult thing to tackle, and it seems unapproachable."

"But I was convinced by that we wouldn't be in the shadows of that film, but standing on the shoulders of the book, perhaps," he adds.

Malek admits that it was Noer's vision that ultimately convinced him to join the project.

"He is very, very specific on his storytelling. He comes at things from a very philosophical place, too," says Malek. "I knew that I would be getting a director with a very distinct viewpoint. I could come to him with any ideas and we would collaborate to come up with something very unique."

Things certainly got tough while making "Papillon," as this version of Charriere's story is much dirtier and grittier than its predecessor.

"It was a very, very dirty film," Malek recalls. "In the sense that we were trudging through mud on our many, many days."

"Countless night shoots in the rain. We also shot six days out of seven," he adds. "It was one of those films that a make-up appreciates because there is less work that they need to do on you day-by-day that makes you look like you have been suffering."

Such conditions were necessary because Noer's main intention with "Papillon" was to create a vivid experience that the audience could actually smell where the characters were and what they were going through.

"Conceptually, I always reminded the make-up department, production designer and photographer that we were really trying to make a movie that smells," says Noer. "We thought it would be great if people could really smell the movie. When you are in Paris you can smell the fake perfume, when you are in the prison cells you can smell the sweat, you should be able to hear the insects, to feel them."

Michael Noer and Rami Malek GETTY IMAGES

"The smell part of the filmmaking was a key part in conceptualizing the world," he adds. "Us achieving that is a credit to the crew, which is great for a director like me, who is still under 40, and was given a chance to play with the full vocabulary of Hollywood filmmaking. That was a great experience on a professional level."

"Papillon" opens in theaters Aug. 24.

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Giants, Jets notebook

On the Giants' receiving corps and the Jets' thriving veteran QB.

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Odell Beckham Jr. is poised for a monster campaign. GETTY IMAGES

After a season of injuries which riddled the New York Giants wide receiver corps, it appears that quarterback Eli Manning will have a full complement of targets heading into this year. Good news, to say the least, for a passing offense that struggled much of last year to get viable bodies out on the field.

The list of Giants receivers hobbled by injuries was long and prominent last season as Odell Beckham Jr. missed 12 games due to injury, Sterling Shepard was limited to 11 games, Dwayne Harris missed a chunk of the year as did former receiver Brandon Marshall. It appears though that the Giants have turned a corner in this regard and should be at full strength come Week 1.

Beckham didn't play in either preseason game so far. He has been active in training camp and has been staying after practice to get in extra reps with Manning.

"Yeah, we are getting there. We still have some work to do, but I thought he has done a good job the last few weeks getting his feel back," Manning said. "Knowing how to work guys in man, give a little extra move and trusting his body and everything. I think he's getting back into his own and getting comfortable on the field again."

While tight end Evan Engram wasn't bitten by the injury bug last year, having played in 15 games, he did have some downs in a year full of many positives. It is something that the second-year tight end has looked to address, having spent the offseason working out with quarterback Davis Webb at a local training facility, TEST Football Academy.

If the drops can be curtailed, then it is a huge development for the entire offense.

"Drops obviously bother you, but I always think that the guys are trying to catch it. I think part of it is just being tired. The stress of a long season, and everything going through it," Manning said. "I think it's the focus can kind of disappear a little bit. So, I think he's talented, he's working on it. I think it's good you work on it and have more that you want to improve on. But, don't make it a mental block or something you're thinking about, or getting anxious about or worried about."

High on Bridgewater

Sam Darnold might be the presumptive starter at some point this season for the New York Jets but in the eyes of Giants head coach Pat Shurmur, don't count out quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

Shurmur, the New York Giants head coach in his first year with the team, spent the past two seasons on the staff of the Minnesota Vikings. In this role, including as interim offensive coordinator in 2016 and then the full-time coordinator last year, Shurmur had gotten to know Bridgewater well.

And Bridgewater, coming off a season ending injury last year with the Vikings, is hoping for a fresh start in New York. Bridgewater signed with the Jets this offseason and is in a quarterback competition with Darnold, the first round pick and the veteran Josh McCown, who impressed last year with the team.

He's been nothing short of impressive so far in preseason.

"Am I allowed to talk about another team? I don't want to get in trouble," Shurmur said on Sunday when asked about Bridgewater. "He's an opponent, so I'll talk about our opponent. Teddy is an outstanding, competitive guy and he's got a unique charisma. When I was there with him, the whole area loved Teddy. He just had that way about him, and then when he got injured everyone was pulling for him to come back. I'm thrilled for whatever success he's having. I did peak at their game and it appears to me like he's playing pretty well. The only thing I would say is don't sleep on Teddy because I think he's got it in him."

Bridgewater has been gotten better every week during training camp and preseason, going 10-for-15 for 127 yards and a touchdown in last week's preseason loss at the Washington Redskins. He was equally as impressive in the preseason opener two weeks ago.

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Odell Beckham Jr. had 25 catches in 2017 despite playing in just four games. The year prior, Beckham Jr. had a career high season reception total of 101.

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Yankees hoping Gregorius' injury isn't a severe one

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Yankees staff checks on Did Gregorius Sunday at Yankee Stadium. GETTY IMAGES

Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius is likely to miss a significant amount of time due to injury after colliding with Toronto Blue Jays first baseman Kendrys Morales on Sunday. Gregorius' left heel was bruised badly and he could see a stint on the disabled list at a key point in the Yankees' season. The 28-year-old Gregorius is having a phenomenal season as he's smashed 22 homers so far, along with 74 RBI.

The Yanks are looking to maintain their lead over the Oakland Athletics in the American League wild card race, as they currently own a four game advantage. The Yankees have a pivotal road trip on the schedule in early September with three game sets at Oakland and at Seattle, which is also sniffing around for a wild card spot.

This week

This is a great week for the Yankees to feast on inferior competition as they have a two-game series at Miami (50-76) and a tasty four-game set at Baltimore this weekend. The Marlins have the second worst record in the National League behind the Padres (49-78) while the Orioles (37-87) could challenge for the worst record in modern baseball history.

Masahiro Tanaka (9-4, 4.03 ERA) is set to get the ball Tuesday against the Marlins with Lance Lynn (8-8, 4.68 ERA) scheduled to work on Wednesday.

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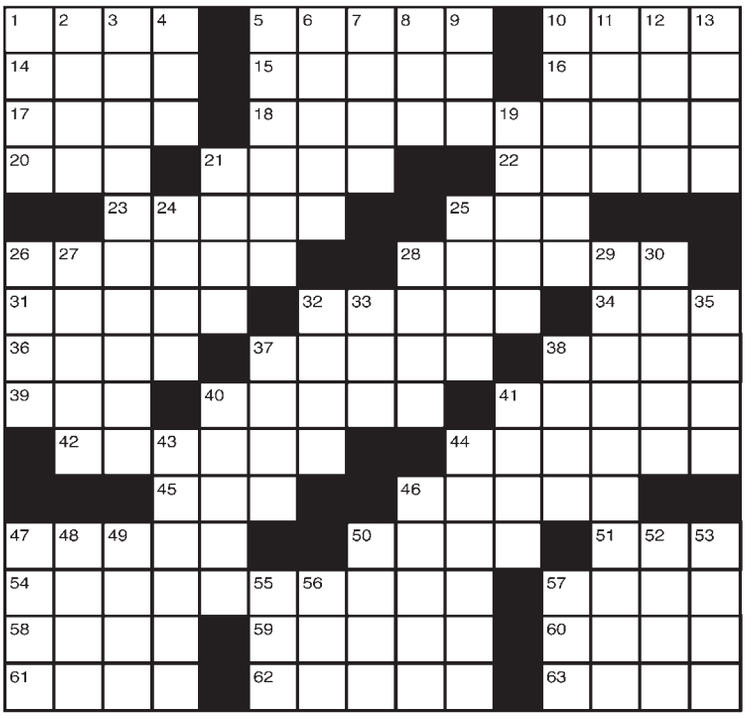

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1 Be flexible
5 Remnant
10 Aberdeen resident
14 Woodwind instrument
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16 African nation
17 Dallas athletes, for short
18 Indoor TV antenna
20 "Not __ long shot!"
21 Jades & rubies
22 Abhors
23 Get some shut-eye
25 Chat room laugh
26 Unoccupied
28 Kit or Johnny
31 Clay brick
32 Series of links
34 Solemn promise
36 Word of disgust
37 Hymn-singing group
38 Phi __ Kappa
39 Samuel's mentor
40 Unfamiliar; strange
41 Less adorned
42 Strategic ploy
44 Stylish
45 Tear
46 Helpful lift
47 Run __ of the law; commit crime
50 Spill the beans
51 Cool __ cucumber
54 Rowdy
57 Store away
58 Dryer residue
59 Lacking enough funds
60 Listen
61 BPOE folks
62 Out of __; irritable
63 Get a glimpse of

DOWN

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2 Very popular website
3 Canadian province
4 __ Moines
5 "Sesame __"
6 Winner
7 Massages
8 Telephone inventor's initials
9 Sorority letter
10 Pilfers
11 Winter garment
12 Villain
13 Throw
19 Rosebush prickle
21 Trait transmitter
24 Blood analysis sites
25 Lion's den
26 Weathercock
27 Big person
28 One of Adam's sons
29 Exaggerates
30 Memos
32 In fashion
33 Garden tool
35 Cautious
37 Cut coupons
38 Bleating sounds
40 Leaning
41 Shapeless mass
43 Pie bottoms
44 Seashores
46 __ out; say without forethought
47 Qualified
48 Aluminum wrap
49 Sty cry
50 Impolite slob
52 Bather's need
53 Haywire
55 Mountain road
56 Letter from Greece
57 "Murder, __ Wrote"

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